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## **SENATE BILL**

No. 267

## **Introduced by Senator Romero**

February 15, 2005

An act to amend Sections 1797.198 and 1797.199 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency services. An act relating to education.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 267, as amended, Romero. Emergency medical services: Trauma Care Fund. California High School Exit Examination: pupils with disabilities.

Existing law specifies the powers and duties of the State Board of Education and the duties of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Existing law requires a school district or state special school, as specified, to grant a high school diploma to a pupil with a disability who is scheduled to graduate from high school in 2006, has not passed the high school exit examination, has not received a high school exit examination waiver, and meets other specified criteria.

This bill would set forth Legislative findings and declarations regarding the state board, the Superintendent, and pupils with disabilities who are scheduled to receive a high school diploma in  $SB 267 \qquad \qquad -2-$ 

2007 or 2008 but who have not yet satisfied a requirement in existing law to pass the California High School Exit Examination.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act (EMS act), establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority within the California Health and Human Services Agency to, among other things, provide statewide coordination of county EMS programs, and to administer the Trauma Care Fund.

Existing law establishes the Trauma Care Fund within the State Treasury and continuously appropriates the fund to the authority for distribution to local EMS agencies. Existing law requires local EMS agencies that receive funding to distribute those funds to eligible trauma centers and authorizes the local EMS agencies to utilize a grant-based system, a reimbursement-based system, or other appropriate methodology to do so. Existing law requires local EMS agencies to determine the distribution amounts for each trauma center and requires minimum distributions for certain trauma centers to assist those centers in ensuring their viability.

This bill would repeal all minimum distribution requirements, require local EMS agencies to utilize a competitive grant-based system for allocating the funds, and require local EMS agencies to determine distribution of funds based on new criteria.

By requiring that local entities comply with these requirements, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: <u>yes-no</u>. State-mandated local program: <u>yes-no</u>.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of the following:

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(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to address the needs of pupils with disabilities who are scheduled to receive a high school diploma in 2007, who have not yet satisfied the requirement to pass the California High School Exit Examination.

(b) It is further the intent of the Legislature that the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education shall make recommendations to the Legislature not later than December 31, 2007, about pupils with disabilities who are scheduled to receive a high school diploma in 2008, with regard to the California High School Exist Examination requirement.

All matter deleted in this version of the bill appears in the bill as amended in the Assembly, July 6, 2005 (JR11)